

DESPERATE CHASE RESULTS IN CAPTURE OF RAZOR SALESMEN

AUTHORITIES HOLD MEN
NABBED HERE FOR
INVESTIGATION

BROKE FOR LIBERTY

FUGITIVE FOUND SECRETING
SELF BENEATH PORCH OF
NORTH SIDE RESIDENCE—DENY
BLADES WERE STOLEN BY
THEM.

Two razor peddlers suspected by the authorities of being "bad men" and probably wanted in some nearby city for burglary, were rounded up this morning by Deputy Sheriffs Arthur Barrett and Fritz Goebel, after a thrilling chase around houses, over fences and thru allies near North La Salle street.

First clues to the action of the pair were furnished by John Hlinich, Jr., after the pair had stopped at his saloon on Chestnut street and offered some new razors for sale. Hlinich purchased one of the blades and then notified the sheriff's office that the men had acted suspiciously and informed them he believed they had stolen the razors and they should be watched.

Deputies Barrett and Goebel, were sent out onto the case and traced the "salesmen" to Hanson's saloon on North La Salle street. Accompanied by Hlinich they accosted the men just as they were waiting their lunch. One of the fellows surrendered to Deputy Fritz Goebel, but the other made a break for liberty, dashing out the rear door and starting to hotfoot it up North La Salle street as rapidly as his legs would carry him. Barrett and Hlinich gave chase. The fugitive dashed in and out of lots with Hlinich close upon his heels and Barrett bringing up the rear. He finally eluded Hlinich, but later was dragged out from beneath a porch at the L. E. White residence, 1514 La Salle street, by the west side saloon keeper, who turned him over to the deputy.

On their way downtown the men gave the names of William Neureuther and John Kelly. Neureuther said his home was in La Salle, and Kelly claimed to reside in Peoria. The razors they said were purchased in St. Louis. Because of their actions in running away, the deputies are convinced they have a couple who are wanted somewhere and they will be held until notification has been sent out to nearby cities informing police departments of the "pinch."

"Neureuther" and "Kelly" said they were on their way to St. Louis, in view of the frequency of late blowing jobs in St. Louis of late communication will be had with Chief Hopkins of that city, in an effort to connect the pair with some of those crimes. They said they were going to leave Ottawa at 4 o'clock, on a freight that would get them into St. Louis at dusk.

Asked why they tried flight instead of surrendering themselves they said they knew there was a law in Ottawa against selling razors without a license.

POSTPONE HEARING ON TWO SOUTH SIDE PAVING EXTENSIONS

Hearings on objections to the proposed improvement of Adams and East Van Buren streets were continued until Friday at 10 o'clock by Judge Mayo. This morning, when the cases were called before him in the county court.

Objectors to the Adams street work had not presented their complaints in writing and were given three days in which to prepare their complaints against the ordinance and get them into writing.

A heated fight is to be staged in the Van Buren street extension. Seven property owners in that vicinity have employed Attorney D. G. Cairns to represent them in the contest. The seven who are represented by Mr. Cairns are: James J. Killelea, Clarence Griggs, as guardian for Ruth Reese, Wilson B. Lowman, W. D. Fullerton et al and Charles W. Freudenburg.

Objectors to the Adams street improvement have not announced themselves in court, but it is understood at least two and maybe three owners of real estate in that district will file objections in an effort to nullify the roll.

E. Bentley Hamilton

Of Peoria, will talk at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Elks' Club rooms tonight.

DRUG VICTIM WINS FIGHT AFTER ONCE TRYING TO SUICIDE

MAN HELD PRISONER AT COUNTY
JAIL "THREW UP THE SPONGE"
BUT LATER SETTLED DOWN TO
FIGHT TERRIBLE HABIT.

Steve Bartley, county jail inmate, is a living testimonial to the curative powers of good treatment and plenty of food.

Bartley, a hopeless drug fiend, was brought to Ottawa to stand trial for burglary and larceny after robbing a Streator doctor's office of a quantity of drugs. After awaiting two months for trial he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 120 days, during which time he was to face the crisis of his life.

Today Bartley, after having gone at least six months without drugs of any kind, is a new man. He has added fifty pounds to his weight and is the picture of health. When he was received, there was hardly a square inch of his body that didn't contain the scarred bluish of the needle's point. Today these markings have all healed and Bartley claims he is entirely cured of the terrible habit and never again will fall a victim to its curse.

Once during his early occupancy of a cell, Bartley tried to kill himself. He stripped a blanket and after fastening it to his cell, made the "fatal" leap with his neck tightly bound in the noose, but was saved by the timely interference of the jailer, who cut him down. The sheriff was called and gave Bartley the lecture of his life and then and there he promised by all that was good and holy, that he would battle his desire for morphine until he conquered it.

Bartley is a moulder by trade and on May 1, when his term expires, he says he will go out into the world to make amends for his past by cutting out the dope and working hard.

Bartley is anxious to resume his place in the world after his hard and successful struggle. There will be no trouble when he seeks employment, as moulders are in demand, not only here, but in all parts of the country.

MRS. W. F. CARR IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Following the dinner of the Ottawa Woman's club yesterday afternoon at the New Clifton hotel, officers for the ensuing year were chosen, as follows: President—Mrs. W. F. Carr.

First vice president—Mrs. J. J. Herwig.

Second vice president—Mrs. Gustav Kaessli.

Recording secretary—Miss Miriam Sanders.

Corresponding secretary—Mrs. E. Z. Mercer.

Treasurer—Miss Harriet Hollecker.

FUNERAL OF WM. RIBBS TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral services for William Ribbs were held at the late home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. C. A. Briggs, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated.

The pallbearers were John Montgomery, George Gasser, E. M. Davis, Michael Ford, George Bowermaster and John Fagen. Burial was made in Ottawa Avenue cemetery.

The out of town people at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Green, Joliet; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cotter, Chicago; Mrs. Roy Murphy, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy and daughter Cleo, of Mendota; Mrs. Wm. H. Streater; Mrs. Thomas Kidd, Oglesby; Mrs. John Esel, Miss Ada Smith and Miss Jennie Taylor, of La Salle.

HOPE FOR LARGE CROWD AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce are hoping for a large attendance at the meeting this evening at the Elks' club. E. Bentley Hamilton and C. E. Saylor, of Waukegan, will speak. Both men are excellent talkers and will have very important messages.

A Hill as a Palace.

"The only building in Lassa, Tibet that is at all imposing is the Potala," writes Edmund Candler. "It is not a palace on a hill, but a hill that is also a palace. Its massive walls, its terraces and bastions stretch upward from the plain to the crest, as if the great bluff rock were merely a foundation stone planted there."

CALL SUPERVISORS TO OTTAWA; MEETING WILL BE HELD MAY 3

MEMBERS PETITION FOR SPECIAL
SESSION TO PLACE SELVES ON
RECORD IN PROBATE JUDGE
VACANCY.

The death of Albert T. Lardin, leaving a vacancy in the county's judicial department, is responsible for a call that went out today asking the supervisors to meet in Ottawa in special session Thursday, May 3. At that time the solons will determine what action to take to provide a probate judge for the unexpired term of Judge Lardin. Controversies have arisen as to the legal powers of the board of supervisors and governor in selecting a judge and the special session is called to place the board on record, either in favor of an election or for an appointment to complete the term.

The majority of the board, it is rumored in court house circles, is lined up against a special election and primary. Others favor following the wording of the law and giving the people a chance to name the new judge. The statutes provide that the governor shall call an election, but how mandatory the rule is has caused a wide divergence of opinion among legal authorities who have looked into the matter carefully.

To secure the special meeting it heard's membership to sign a petition. This petition was placed in circulation among the lawmakers with the result enough signers were secured in a few days to insure calling the solons to Ottawa on May 3.

At the same time the probate judge ship is being disposed of, a special chairman will be elected. The term of Chairman Bronson expired at the close of the fiscal year when new supervisors were elected. Some committee vacancies will have to be filled. One important committee—roads and bridges—lost two of its members thru defeat at the polls and as there is a lot of work ahead it will be necessary for the new chairman to make emergency appointments to carry the committee over until the June meeting. Incidentally the supervisors will get organized for the June gathering and much of the incidentals preliminary to starting the year's work will be disposed of.

HIGHLAND PARK WILL ENTER CADET TEAM

The high school military cadet show will be given tomorrow evening at the armory. A drill team from the Highland Park high school will compete with the locals in wall scaling. Various other athletic events have been planned in connection with the military drill.

Lieut. Ord will have personal charge of the Cadet show and Captain Louis Steever will be present. The address of the evening will be given by Representative Lee O'Neil Brown.

BOAT CLUB FLAG TO BE RAISED THURSDAY

Ottawa is to have another flag raising. Tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock the flag at the Boat Club will be unfurled to the winds. Fitting ceremonies will attend the raising of Old Glory on the newly constructed pole in front of the club house. The high school military cadets will be present and Captain Louis Steever will be in attendance.

STATE MUSICIANS TO MEET IN DECATUR MAY 1 TO 4.

The state convention of the Illinois Music Teachers' Association will be held at Decatur May 1 to 4. Several Ottawa instructors will be present at the convention headed by Mrs. William C. Paisley, who is vice president of the Illinois association. A fine musical program is awaiting the delegates consisting of piano, voice, organ and violin concerts, together with two concerts by the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra.

Finger Arithmetic.

The earliest way of counting was by means of the fingers, and in the picture writing of the ancients the drawing of an open hand invariably signified the numeral V. Some nations, indeed, even went so far as to make their week consist of five days. A few tribes were not content to count solely by the fingers alone and added their toes as well. The Aztecs, for example, counted in multiples of twenty and had twenty days in their months. The Roman notation consisted of a ten fingered system, and the X used to signify ten is, after all, only two V's placed point to point or apex to apex, the V typifying five.

50 M. D'S ATTENDED OTTAWA GATHERING

LA SALLE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY HEARS EDUCATING DISCUSSIONS AT 64TH ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

In spite of the inclement weather about fifty doctors, yesterday afternoon were in attendance at the sixty-fourth annual meeting of the La Salle County Medical society in the Board of Supervisors' room of the court house.

The program, in keeping with the custom of former gatherings, was along the line of the discussion of purely professional affairs. Featured on the program was the talk on "Wasserman Reaction as a Diagnostic Agent," given by Dr. Roswell T. Pettit of this city.

The following is the program:
1:30 p. m.—General Business.
2:00 p. m.—"Medical Legal Aspect as to Malpractice in Our State," by Dr. C. B. King, state chairman of the medical committee, Chicago.

2:30 p. m.—"Blood Transfusion," by Dr. Nelson Percy, Chicago.

3:00 p. m.—"Fistulas and Rectal Abscesses," by Dr. J. Rawson Pennington, Chicago.

3:30 p. m.—"Lung Compressions by Nitrogen Gas in the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis," by Dr. M. F. Dorsey, Streator.

4:00 p. m.—"Wasserman Reaction as a Diagnostic Agent," by Dr. Roswell T. Pettit, Ottawa.

O. H. S. CADET IS INJURED IN FALL FROM DRILL WALL

Earl Snarr, sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Snarr, of 513 Cornwell street, sophomore at the Ottawa High school, suffered painful injury yesterday afternoon at the armory as the result of a fall during a wall-scaling drill.

Snarr, in company with other members of the high school cadets, was going thru the routine practice preparatory to the show tomorrow evening. He had reached the top of the wall, when in some manner he fell back, hitting his head and back on the floor. He was rendered unconscious.

Dr. Hatheway was called and it was thought at first that he would have to be removed to the hospital, later he was taken to his home in South Ottawa in the city ambulance. Examination revealed that no bones were fractured.

This morning he was reported as resting comfortably.

ALIENS WHO FAILED TO TURN OVER ARMS SUBJECT TO ARREST

If you are an alien enemy and possess firearms, ammunition, aircraft or wireless apparatus today, you are subject to arrest and imprisonment without trial under President Wilson's proclamation of April 6.

"I'm standing on the exact letter of the president's proclamation," said Hinton G. Clabaugh, local head of the bureau of investigation. "I can't make public the plans of the government, but the law is clear."

"This office will do its part to enforce the order to the limit," said United States Marshal John Bradley. "I have instructed all police captains both in writing and verbally to arrest all alien enemies possessing firearms after midnight," said Chief Schuetler yesterday.

CHERRY MAN TAKEN TO COUNTY JAIL A VICTIM OF TREMORS

Suffering from D. T.'s, Robert McFadden, claiming Cherry, Illinois, as his home, was removed to the county jail, last evening at 8:50 o'clock by Officers Monroe, Butterfield and Reilly. The man was in a serious condition when found by the police, but this morning he was reported as getting along all right.

Value of a Name.

Nelson, a thriving, hustling English town, is a living instance of the value of a name. Not long after the battle of Trafalgar some thinker, tailor or other person established a tiny wayside inn and called it after the naval hero. There was nobody on the spot from whom to expect custom, but the road led to and from populous districts. Travelers stopped at the place, and presently a cottage or two began to rise, then more of them, and to the name of the public house answered for the whole. That was the nucleus of the present town. Now 40,000 people live around the site which the old innkeeper chose and called after the name of his hero.

POLICE SEARCH FOR 14 YEAR OLD GIRL; MAY BE HIDING HERE

LEFT HOME YESTERDAY AFTER-
NOON—STARTED TO WALK
FROM NEWARK TOWARDS OT-
TAWA—NO TRACE OF HER
FOUND.

The police today are searching for Myrtle Kissell, fourteen years old girl, who yesterday afternoon left her home at Newark and is believed hiding somewhere in this city. Left an orphan by the death of her mother in Minnesota, the girl was sent to the home of Marten Hextell, at Newark and unhappy over her lot she decided to come to Ottawa to visit with friends. Yesterday afternoon she left Newark and started to walk towards Millington. It was learned that she failed to buy a ticket for Ottawa at Millington and it was believed that she might have stopped in Sheridan. A search was made at Sheridan last evening by a relative of the girl, but no trace of her could be found.

Hextell came to Ottawa in an automobile last evening and with the aid of Officer Reilly a search of the city was made. Hotels, and lodging houses were visited, but no trace of the missing girl could be found.

The homes of Frank Byers and Ely Knudson was also visited as the girl was acquainted with the Byers and Knudson families, and it was believed that she might have stopped there but had not made her appearance at either of these homes up to late this afternoon.

May Be at Farm House.

It is believed that the girl was caught in the storm yesterday afternoon and stopped at a farm house over night. In that event the police believe she will arrive in Ottawa some time this afternoon.

She left home with a small grip and wore a drab colored coat.

The girl has only been in Newark a short time and during her stay in the little village she stated many times that she would run away. She has been in Ottawa on many occasions and it is believed for that reason that she came here.

BURLINGTON OFFERS GROUND TO FARMERS

With the cost of living increasing as the price of food stuffs advance, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad is urging more than ever before the farmers along its right of way to cultivate the railroad's land adjoining their farms.

More than 600 country dwellers took advantage of this plan last year, paying the nominal fee of \$5, which entitles them to utilize the land adjoining their own for an indefinite period. This soil, which is usually very rich because it has been untilled so long, is planted to alfalfa, and the yield has been as high as eight tons to the acre.

The average amount of land which each man cultivates is three acres. This arrangement lessens the weed menace for the nearby farms, and, since alfalfa remains green a long time, it lessens the danger of prairie fires. At the same time the road is saved the cost of mowing the right of way.

Any information regarding this subject will be given by the Land & Industrial department of the Burlington road at Chicago.

MAN IS INJURED IN FALL THIS MORNING

As a result of a fall which he sustained while under the influence of liquor, Charles Zirkel was painfully injured this morning at 8 o'clock. Zirkel was found lying between the Mers-Krulan building and the Ottawa garage building on Columbus street. He was in a semi-conscious condition. Dr. Frend was called and it was found he had escaped serious injuries. He is reported this afternoon as getting along all right.

DELINQUENT GIRLS ARE SENT TO GENEVA SCHOOL

Sadie Brown and Kathleen Hale, negroes, who were found in a house of ill-repute at Streator, were this afternoon committed to a state school at Geneva, following a hearing given them before Judge Mayo in the county court room.

England Gets \$200,000,000 Loan.

Washington, April 25—American's first war loan to Great Britain was consummated at 11 o'clock this morning when Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo signed a treasury warrant for \$200,000,000 and turned it over to Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador.

FRENCH COMMISSION WARMLY WELCOMED BY U. S. OFFICIALDOM

GEN. JOFFRE AND EX-
PREMIER VIVIANI
IN CAPITAL
TRI-COLORS WAIVED

GUARDSMEN OF OTTAWA ARE
SIGNING OATH WITH ALACRITY
—EIGHTEEN HOLD OATHS MAY
BE WON OVER TO SUBSCRIBE.

Forty-three members of Company C, constituting about seventy per cent. of the company's membership, have subscribed their names to the new federal oath and are now a part and parcel of Uncle Sam's great fighting force. The new oath is being administered under the direction of Capt. R. C. Woodward, and by the end of the week it is expected that practically all, if not every man in the company, will have sworn himself into the service for a regular enlistment of three years and a like period in the U. S. reserve corps.

Giving the oath began Sunday afternoon, when the first thirty men affixed their signatures to the government papers. Since then the men having been subscribing to the oath at rapid-fire rate until all but eighteen of the militia men changed themselves voluntarily from state to federal service. Some of those holding out are said to object to the long term of service imposed by the government and insist they would sign up without second thought if the call was only for the emergency only.

The following is the list of guardsmen who have affixed their signatures to the federal role:

Captain R. C. Woodward.
Lieut. S. W. Raymond.
Mess Sgt.—John J. Cassidy.
Supply Sgt.—W. H. Morley.
Sgt.—A. J. Zeller.

Corporals.

Clifford Hodgkin.
Reuben Mellen.
Nicholas F. Sharpenter.
William Robinson.
Cook—Charles R. Duckett.
Mechanic—Everett Grady.
First Class Privates.

Sylvester Burgess.
John Morrall.
Frank B. Keefe.
Ralph J. Galley.
Bernard M. Scullin.
Charles Prapague.
Joseph J. Hlinich.
Fred E. Fink.
William J. True.

Privates.

Marshall N. Purrucker.
Julius J. Gerding.
Lester F. Francomb.
Harry Knutson.
Lyle L. Cunningham.
Joseph F. Bernel.
Harold F. Duncan.
George J. Farrell.
Christ. Sledger.
William White.
Thomas J. Kelly.
Jacob Bernel.
Edwin B. Griffith.
Frank E. Thacker.
Karl Gregg.
Levi Baxley.
Fred A. Clawson.
James Millogan, Jr.
Harold McAlpine.
Charles A. Causland.
Paul Zsizik.
Wagoner.
Merton Seward.
Sugler.
Philip Johnson.

SUFFERS FRACTURE AS RESULT OF FALL

Mrs. Isaac Mackrell, who resides at 1212 North Division street, is confined to Ryburn hospital as the result of a fractured left leg. Mrs. Mackrell slipped, her weight being thrown on her left leg and fracture resulted.

She was taken to Ryburn hospital in the ambulance yesterday afternoon. Dr. A. J. Roberts was called and the fracture was set.

Mothers-in-law.

The mother-in-law is an indispensable institution, an ornament and a necessity in many American families and an outcast from precious few of them, yet she has from time immemorial been made the unhappy butt of cheap jokes by witless jokers, and as a class she has suffered in the general esteem. But as an individual the mother-in-law of one family is the mother of another family. Who has ever dared say a word against a mother? Who that might have dared has ever said it?—Portland Oregonian.

PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS IN WASH-
INGTON—MILITARY GUARD ES-
CORTS VISITORS.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES
(International News Service, Staff
Correspondent.)

Washington, April 25—Official Washington gave itself unreservedly today to the pleasurable task of welcoming the French war commissioners headed by General Joffre and former Premier Viviani, who came to America to cement plans for close co-operation in the crushing of Prussian autocracy.

The visitors reached Washington at 12:30 o'clock, coming up the Chesapeake in President Wilson's own yacht, the Mayflower. Gathered to meet them at the Navy Yard were Secretary of State Lansing, Counselor Polk and other officials of the state department, Col. Narts, aide to President Wilson, Major Ulysses S. Grant, of U. S. A., and Lieut. A. F. Carter of the Navy. Another party of American officials announced the visitors on their journey from the seacoast. In it were Ambassador Jusserand, Major General Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt and other officers of the army and navy.

Washington has put itself in shape to greet the visitors. From many buildings, public and private, floats the French tri color. A circuitous route will be taken to the White Mansion, where the commissioners were housed, and Penna avenue was one long ovation. Two troops of the second United States cavalry formed an escort of honor on the trip.

The arrival of the French Commissioners today marks the beginning of the real work connected with their visit. General Joffre and M. Viviani will be presented to President Wilson at the White House as soon as possible probably late this afternoon. Then by tomorrow they can take up in earnest plans for bringing into still closer harmony the efforts and ideals of the two great republics.

Officials today expressed general satisfaction when it became known that the French commissioners are coming with practically unlimited powers to reach agreements with the United States. Nothing will have to be put to the government in Paris before it can be fully agreed to. This will greatly simplify the work of the conferences, as the British commission, already here has been clothed with similar powers.

Draft Bill Has Good Chance.
Washington, April 25—Congressional oratory on the army conscription bill reached flood tide today. Leaders in both Senate and House continue optimistic about prospects of support for the bill as favored by President Wilson a safe majority. In the Senate leaders fighting for the President's plan of selective conscription as against the volunteer principle have from the outset been certain of their success.

Representative Kahn ranking Republican on the house military affairs committee and leader at the south end of the capitol in the fight for conscription today declared sentiment among house members is still on the increase in favor of the President's bill. It is admitted that Speaker Clark, who today was to speak against the President's plan and in favor of the Dent volunteer-conscription system will carry some "On the fence" votes with him.

Battle on Price Fixing.
Washington, D. C., April 25—When it comes to food price fixing as suggested by the administration to conserve supplies during the war period; Congress will be looked in "the hardest fought battle of the war," unless present signs are wrong.

A clear out lineup between the members from rural communities and members from the large cities is rapidly developing. It is merely an outcropping of the old feud between city and country, between farmer folk and city folk, producer and consumer. The signs have begun to show themselves in the hearings before the Senate agriculture committee on the various plans for food conservation and production.

Food the Important Issue.
Washington, April 25—Food and then more food and trained men by the hundred thousand for transport